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SUBJ: CONSULTATIONS WITH ROKG FOREIGN MINISTER ON SECRETARY'S
TRIP TO PEKING

1. DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ON OTHER MATTERS THIS MORNING (AUGUST 20), THE QUESTION OF BRIEFING THE ROKS AFTER THE SECRETARY'S TRIP TO PEKING AROSE. THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT IN HIS OWN PERSONAL VIEW, IF HE WERE SECRETARY VANCE, HE WOULD MAKE A SIDE TRIP FROM TOKYO TO SEOUL FOR JUST A FEW HOURS. SUCH A TRIP WOULD NOT BE ANNOUNCED UNTIL VERY LATE IN THE PEKING VISIT OR PERHAPS EVEN AFTER THE PARTY DEPARTED THE PRC. HE FORESAW TWO GREAT ADVANTAGES STEMMING FROM SUCH A VISIT: (A) IT WOULD OBVIOUSLY HAVE A POSITIVE IMPACT IN KOREA AND (B) IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO THE UNITED STATES IN THE EYES OF SMALL COUNTRIES IN THIS REGION AND THE WORLD, WHO WOULD RECOGNIZE IT AS A GESTURE TOWARDS SMALL COUNTRIES. AS IT STANDS NOW, THE TRIP IS SEEN AS A CONSULTATION ONLY AMONG THE LARGE POWERS, LEAVING THE IMPRESSION THAT THE SMALL COUNTRIES ARE NEGLECTED.

2. I TOLD THE FOREIGN MINISTER THAT I HOPED HIS EXPECTATIONS FOR SUCH A VISIT WERE NOT TOO HIGH, SINCE I HAD NO INDICATION THAT THIS WAS BEING CON-
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SIDERED.

3. HE REPEATED AT THE END OF THIS PART OF THE CON-
VERSATION THAT THIS WAS HIS OWN PERSONAL VIEW, WHICH HE
HAD NEVER DISCUSSED WITH ANYBODY.
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